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Dmitry Peskov, spokesman for Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, will hold a telebriefing tomorrow on the latest developments with regards to gas supplies to Europe.

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